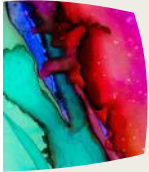




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Community *notes*

2018 Congressional App Challenge

This year, middle and high school students in Maryland's Third Congressional District have the chance to participate in the 2018 Congressional App Challenge—a competition that encourages students to learn how to code and that showcases cutting-edge applications designed by young innovators.

Eligible students in Maryland's Third Congressional District are encouraged to [register and submit](#) their own original apps by **Monday, October 15, 2018**.

For more information about the Congressional App Challenge see [here](#).

For official rules and eligibility requirements, see [here](#). Congressional App Challenge winners will be featured on the U.S. House of Representatives' [website](#) and displayed in an exhibit located in the U.S. Capitol.

Apply For The Board Of Health

Applications are now being accepted to serve on the County's Board of Health. Board members serve five-year terms and are responsible for representing the health and sanitary interests of the community. To be eligible, applicants must be county residents, 18 years or older, have an interest in public health and be able to attend meetings on every fourth Tuesday or each month at 6:00 p.m.

Deadline to apply is Friday, August 24. Visit the Board of Health's [website](#) for more information about their mission and the qualifications for this role.

Greetings

There's much to do in August, but it is also the month that the Council goes on recess. The newsletter will be on vacation until the last week of August.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7!

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

This year's celebrations take place on Tuesday, August 7. Visit HCPD'S [event listing](#) for more details about gatherings in your community. Interested in hosting a party in your neighborhood? Register [here](#).

Prepare For Success



This school-supply drive was created to ensure that Howard County residents head back to school with the tools they need to succeed. There are more than 12,000 kids in this county who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The basic school supplies presents a financial burden for many of these kids' families. Prepare for Success aims to cut that cost and move one step closer to eliminating the achievement gap. Those interested in donating items and helping this program should visit prepareforsuccess.org.



Volunteer For HopeWorks

HopeWorks' Volunteer Program provides support and advocacy for people in Howard County affected by sexual and intimate partner violence and develops community engagement for primary prevention. The purpose of this program is to build capacity — a process that involves developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that individuals, organizations, and communities need to thrive; building leadership is the central goal for this program.

HopeWorks accepts and reviews volunteer applications twice a year, from July 1 to August 15 and January 1 to February 15. If you would like to become a part of the HopeWorks Volunteer Program, please visit their [website](#).

Art Maryland 2018

The Howard County Arts Council is now accepting entries from artists for *Art Maryland 2018*, a biennial multi-media juried exhibit. The juror for *Art Maryland 2018* is Cara Ober, a Baltimore based artist, writer and founding editor of BMoreArt, Baltimore's online art magazine and print journal.

Entry is open to all artists 18 years or older, residing in Maryland. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, August 31. *Art Maryland 2018* will be on display at the Howard County Center for the Arts from November 2 - December 14, 2018. A free public reception will take place on November 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and will include juror remarks as well as the presentation of a minimum of \$1,000 in awards.

Details for entry are available [online](#), for pick-up at the Howard County Center for the Arts, or by mail by calling 410-313-2787 or emailing info@hocoarts.org.

The Columbia Lakefront Summer Festival

Free entertainment nearly every day!

The Columbia Lakefront Summer Festival is sponsored by



Columbia Association and held on the lawn at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Admission is free. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises.

View the Lakefront Summer Festival Calendar link below for event details including artist websites and movie descriptions.

[Lakefront Summer Festival Schedule](#)
[Lakefront Summer Festival Calendar](#)
[Wednesday Lunchtime Concert Schedule](#)

2018-2019 ARTsites

The Howard County Arts Council (HCAC) is pleased to announce the 12 sites and sculptures selected for *ARTsites 2018*, an annual public art exhibit in Howard County. The sculptures will be installed in August 2018 and will remain in place until July 2019.

To learn more about Howard County Arts Council exhibits and programs, visit hocoarts.org or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

Introduction To Blacksmithing

Tools, nails, and everyday items, blacksmiths made the objects that built early American communities. Explore the art of shaping metal using heat and force on August 25 and 26, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Over the course of this two day, 12-hour introductory blacksmithing workshop, watch demonstrations by one of the few local master blacksmiths and make your own iron-forged tool using traditional methods. Strike while the iron is hot; you won't want to miss this chance to forge your own piece of history! Bring a reusable water bottle, lunch and a snack. For more information, visit the [event listing](#) or call Caitlin Chamberlain at 410-313-0420.

Rum On The Roof

The Maryland Science Center is hosting a night of science and rum on Thursday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Learn the science and history behind ship aged rum and how one Maryland distiller is bringing that back in the Inner Harbor. Visit the [event listing](#) for more information and to purchase your ticket.

Collision Avoidance Training

This training is designed as a defensive driving and vehicle control program for young drivers.

The next training will be on Saturday, August 18 at the James



N. Robey Public Safety Training

Center (2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville).

Participants must be ages 16-20, possess a valid Maryland driver's license (no learner's permit) and bring a vehicle to drive during the practical exercises. Register in advance by contacting program coordinator Jessica Beram at jberam@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-3758.

Hickory Ridge's End Of Summer Concert

Hickory Ridge Village Center will have an End of Summer concert featuring tropical music from Chris Sacks Duo on August 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Savor every last bit of summer with sounds of tropical music and steel drum while you shop or dine around Hickory Ridge. For more information, visit this [website](#).

Sunset Serenades And Movie Nights

Enjoy this popular summer concert and movie night series on Wednesday evenings through August, 17, 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Park South. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, a picnic supper, rent a canoe or paddleboat and enjoy music in the park. Refreshments will be available for sale during Sunset Serenades. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Howard County Food Bank when you attend the concerts.

Visit the [HCRP website](#) for the complete summer entertainment series schedule and more details.

The Meeting House Gallery Exhibit

The Meeting House Gallery presents "Kaleidoscope," an exhibit featuring acrylic, acrylic with collage, oil, and ceramics. This exhibit will run until October 27. Meet the artists at a reception on Sunday, August 5, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Meeting House Gallery is located in the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center and is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is free.

Upcoming Sweeney Todd Production

Rep Stage will open its 26th season with a production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," which will run from September 6 - 23 at the Horowitz Center. There will be post-show discussions on September 9 and 21. Rep Stage will also hold a pre-show lecture prior to the 2:00 p.m. performance on September 22. For more information, visit www.repstage.org or call the box office at 443-518-1500.

Robinson Nature Center Events

[Family Fridays Under the Dome](#)

Friday, August 3 ▪ 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Treat your family to the full-dome movie Earth, Moon & Sun. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a family-friendly planetarium presentation.

[Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere](#)

Friday, August 3 ▪ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Treat your partner or friends to a unique Friday night experience of top notch astronomy and entertainment. This program features the full-dome movie Black Holes preceded by a planetarium presentation.

First Saturday Stories

Saturday, August 4 ▪ 11:30 a.m.

Join staff members as they introduce a nature theme each month through an engaging story. August's theme is "Bird Migration". This program is first-come, first-served for the first 24 people.

There's lots to do at Robinson Nature center! Find out more events by visiting their [event page](#).

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Coffee With A Cop

Saturday, August 4 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Little French Market, Ellicott City

The Coffee with a Cop program offers the community an opportunity to meet face-to-face with police personnel in a neutral environment to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know officers.

Howard County Fair

August 4 - August 11 ▪ 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Howard County Fairgrounds

Grab some deep fried Oreos and catch a ride on the Ferris wheel or learn how to square dance. Don't forget the pie eating contest, Senior Day, 4-H Demonstrations, bands, fashions and more. Visit the [Fair's website](#) for the full guide, details about the getting there and more.

Maryland Tax-Free Week

Sunday, August 12 - Saturday, August 18

Qualifying apparel and footwear priced \$100 or less, per item, are exempt from the 6% state sales tax. In addition, the first \$40 of a backpack or bookbag purchase is also tax-free. All other accessory items are not included. Here is a [list of Exempt and Taxable Items](#).

The Federal Brass Concert

Thursday, August 16 ▪ 7:00 p.m.

Glen Mar Church

The Federal Brass brings a unique and innovative approach to chamber music, focusing on new and original music of various genres and styles. For more information, visit Glen Mar Church's [website](#) or call 410-465-4995 ext. 209.

6th Annual Wilde Lake Family Picnic

Saturday, September 15 ▪ 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wilde Lake Park, Hyla Brook Road

Mark your calendars! All are invited to join in with neighbors, friends, and family for this fun-filled event featuring free activities including a moon bounce, children's crafts, corn hole, and a watermelon eating contest.



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